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CITY OF HARTFORD SHOWS SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FILMMAKER

(November 17, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez applauds the filmmaking efforts of Hartford native Helder Mira, as he showcases the Capital City in his latest effort "STILL LIFE." Filmed on location in Hartford and Portugal, the black and white movie tells the story of a young couple caught between two worlds, their modern American life and their Portuguese heritage.

Mayor Perez says, "Helder's work is seen regularly on Hartford Government Cable Access and now we all have the opportunity to see his creativity blossom on the big screen. Hartford is a microcosm of our melting pot society, and his theme reflects that. This is also a wonderful opportunity for the City of Hartford. The history and architecture of our great city provide a wonderful backdrop and setting. We invite more moviemakers to explore our cinematic canvas and build upon Hartford's world known reputation for arts and culture."

"STILL LIFE" will be screened at noon on Sunday, November 20th at Real Arts Way, 56 Arbor Street in Hartford's Parkville neighborhood.